

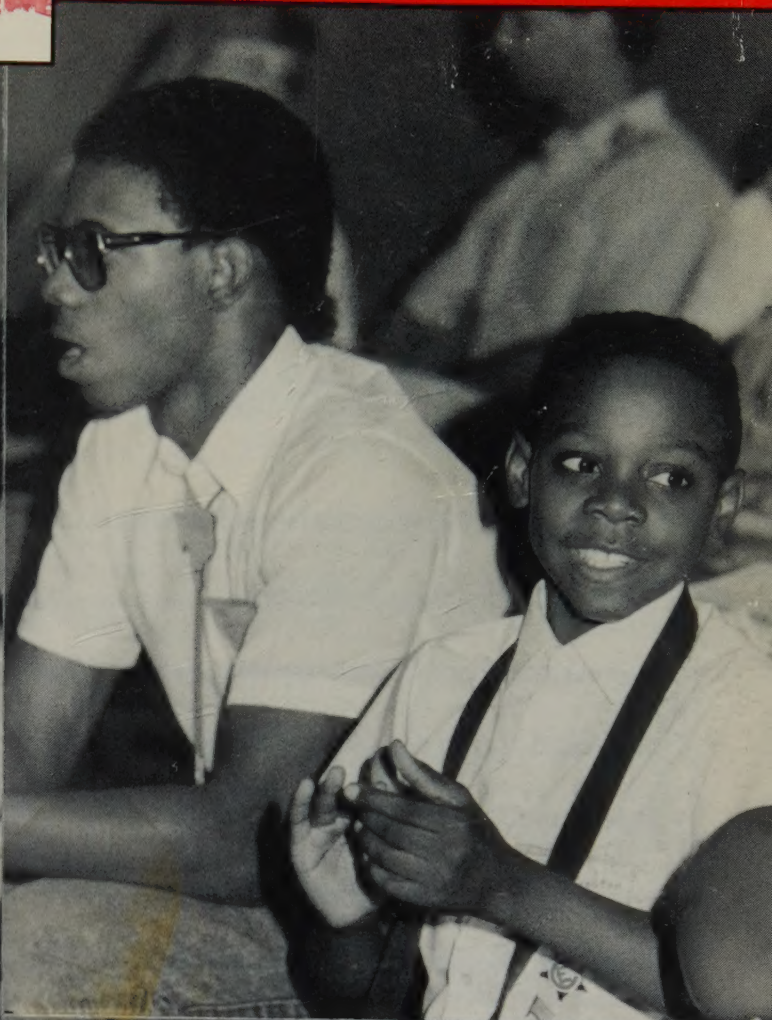
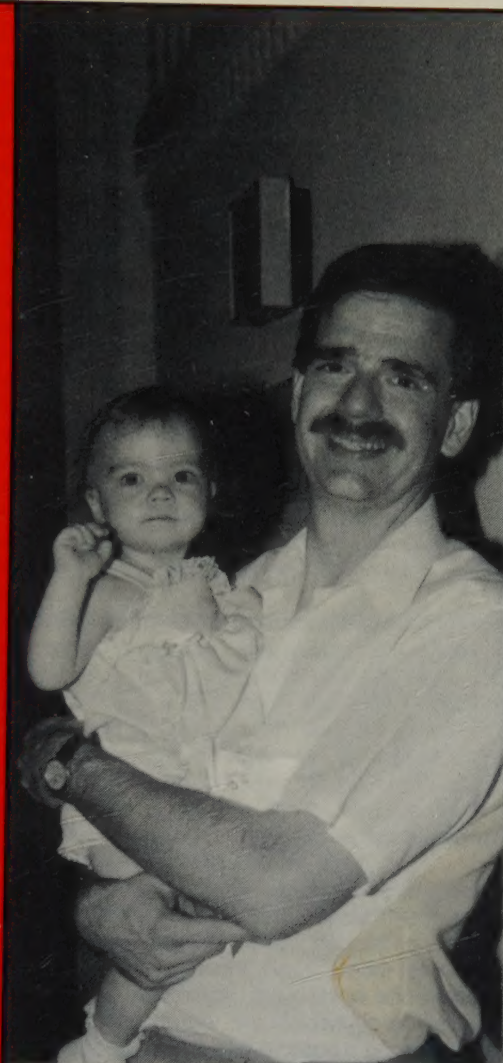
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Convention Round Up!

"DIOS ES BUENO...EL ES BUENO PARA MI!"

"GOD IS SO GOOD, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME!"

Yes, it was proved again and again at the 60th Convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor held July 3 to 7, 1989 in Harlingen, Texas, that GOD IS SO GOOD!

Sixty-plus Texans (for the 60th Convention) under the capable leadership of local chairlady, Alice Fuqua of the First Christian Church, Harlingen, planned for this event for over two years.

As delegates began to arrive in Harlingen during the weekend preceding the convention they were graciously met at the airport with a "Hi, y'all!" On the Saturday night before the Convention many were treated to their first real taste of "Tex-Mex" food at the First Christian Church (where Mr. Timothy Kribs, a past president of the International Society is pastor). Sunday morning this same church was the gathering place as Endeavorers joined in with this local congregation to celebrate together in worship. Following worship all those in attendance were invited to a "carry-in" dinner with great Texas fellowship. The young people were invited back for a Christian Endeavor meeting later in the day at which Tracy Matthews from Washington D.C., a Vice President of the International Society would be the speaker.

Monday, July 3rd, the opening day of convention, dawned bright and hot. (Harlingen, which is nestled in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley, is blest with tropical plants and trees). Convention registration began mid-morning at the Casa DeAmistad which was located next to the Municipal Auditorium. (All convention sessions and meals were held in these two buildings). As delegates arrived there were hugs and squeals as Christian Endeavor friends, who are separated by miles, began meeting each other again. All through the registration day the gracious Texans patiently answered questions, escorted people to motels, answered questions, smiled "Hi y'all!" and answered questions! This was the day that all the plans made would be put into operation. Monday, July 3rd was the culmination of two years of planning and so, the convention began!

It's a tribute to the planning of the local Christian Endeavor people that with each meal at the Casa DeAmistad the delegates were treated to extra-special touches in the way of table decorations, colorful balloons and favors. There were special meal times as delegates were treated to real, down-home Texas style barbeque one night. Another treat was a complete, authentic Mexican meal with the Casa festooned with colorful tissue flowers, and vividly decorated food booths that held all sorts and tastes of Mexican food. The surprise of this Wednesday night dinner was the arrival of a mariache band in full regalia. What fun it was to listen to the high-spirited, complicated rhythms. Wednesday night was a time of happiness as delegates joined in with the Mexican young people in folk dancing around the Casa. As has happened over the years, through the fellowship of Christian Endeavor, walls were broken down as people shared in the music and culture of Mexico. Later in the evening the Mexican youth shared more of their culture and music, as they had also shared in the morning General Assembly. Because of the almost eighty Mexican Endeavorers from sixteen states and the Canadian Endeavorers who were present, this convention was truly International!

Always a welcome addition to any Christian Endeavor gathering, the Hawaiians came and brought with them the music, the flowers and a taste of Hawaiian culture as in their colorful clothes they gracefully danced and sang (and tried to teach others to do the same).

As the week went on delegates eagerly looked forward to each day that would begin with a morning quiet hour/Bible study time, a Christian Endeavor lab and a Christian growth class. Under less than ideal circumstances of having to teach in hallways, or using rows in various sections of the municipal auditorium, back stage and balconies, or chairs pulled together in the Casa, the teachers and leaders chosen by the Program Committee (under the leadership of Rev. Charles Barber), did an outstanding job of bringing learning, wisdom and inspiration to all who attended. At the end of each morning was the General Assembly led by the one and only, Tracy Matthews, Vice President of the International Society. Tracy, Christian Endeavor's good will ambassador, kept this General Assembly time filled with fun, laughter and music. Bishop Clarence Kopp, president of the International Society, closed each morning with a challenge based on the theme of the week, "Say 'yes' to Jesus!"

Afternoons were filled with tours to Matamoras, Mexico, the Harlingen area, South Padre Island and also athletic events between the youth or swimming at motels.

One of the joys of being at an International Convention are the friendships that are made and continue across the miles and through the years. New friendships are always made at conventions and with each new day of this convention, the bonds of fellowship and love grew stronger and stronger.

Throughout the week there was singing and music for this has always been an important part of any Christian Endeavor gathering. For this convention the music was under the capable direction of Randy and Gay Hongo, music evangelists from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Each evening found the program jam-packed, full of interesting happenings, music, testimony, awards, and special guests. The convention was privileged to have Evangelist Bill Glass (a former pro-football player, now head of the Bill Glass Evangelists Association), Dr. Ralph Winter (Director of the U.S. Center for World Mission), Carlos Calera (Spanish speaking evangelist from Texas), Billy Crockett (contemporary Christian musician), and drama night under the direction of and written by Bob and Suanne Crowley of Akron, Ohio. (Bob and Suanne direct the Christian drama group, "Fisherpeople".) Each evening program was varied and exciting as young people were challenged through each speaker and musician to "Say 'yes' to Jesus!"

There is so much that could be written about each day of the convention, stories of love shared between the delegates, problems solved and prayers answered. Above all is the truth that no matter where people come from, the church or fellowship to which they belong, no matter what color their skin, no matter what their background, at this convention, under the banner of Christian Endeavor, all are one in Christ!

At the close of the convention as people parted to go their separate ways to waiting homes and families, there were tears of joy for the friendships renewed or just made there were hugs and love abounding as reluctantly people left to travel home. Even though it was hard to leave, no matter how far apart Endeavorers might be in miles, they are still ONE in the Lord and together can proclaim to the world that whatever the cost, they will say "YES" to Jesus Christ!



Alice Fuqua thanks local committee

Convention Round Up!

What Young People Had To Say

When asked to share, "What I liked about the convention..." this is the way young people responded:

- Cheryl Rozmus**— I really liked the concert by Billy Crockett and going to South Padre Island.
- Gretchen Bowland**— I loved meeting all the Mexicans. I don't speak Spanish, but I could still understand them most of the time. I met so many new friends at the convention.
- Vincent Jackson**— I enjoyed the different topics in the class sessions. I enjoyed not only meeting new people, but meeting people from other countries who believe in Christ.
- Derrick Mosley**— I was delighted with the Drama Class. It was really fun and helped me get in touch with myself.
- Jim McNatt**— All the speakers were good and I liked Billy Crockett.
- Tim Rayburn**— I liked the chance of meeting new friends; and the 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. "rap" sessions in the evening. I liked hearing Billy Crockett and Bill Glass, Tracy Matthews' jokes and his singing of the "Gospel Plow".
- Heather Walters**— Everyone was so friendly. I liked Billy Crockett and Bishop Kopp.
- Jessica Gordon**— I really liked Bill Glass. I also liked the fellowship and making new friendships. The growth group, "Dating Is No Game," the CE Lab and the quiet hours were all good. I liked meeting the Mexicans and Hawaiians, who were all so friendly.
- Faye Shue**— I liked the Billy Crockett concert and meeting new kids.
- Ray Schack**— I liked the evening speakers especially Bill Glass. I also liked the Hongo's and all the other singers. It was fun to have the Mexicans there and to hear the Spanish translation of the speakers.
- Donald Friel**— I liked meeting new people, especially the Mexicans. I could not speak Spanish but it was fun trying to talk with them. I liked the variety of singers. I also enjoyed the different tours.
- Shawn Glasser**— I liked the Billy Crockett concert the most. I also liked having all the different people there from Mexico and the rest of the world.
- Eric McCleery**— I liked the Hongo Family singing together.
- Ramiro Salinas**— I liked Billy Crockett's singing.
- Kelli McCleery**— I liked the evening services and the morning classes.
- LeRoy Vincent**— I enjoyed the gathering with the Mexicans.
- Jamie Girtan**— I liked the Hongo's singing, Mexican night, Hawaiian Day, sleep and the Billy Crockett concert.
- Theresa Fox**— Dr. Mack in our quiet hour each morning was inspiring. Thanks for a fun week.
- Daryl Hee**— Aloha Kakahiaka. I really enjoyed the morning quiet hour class with Dr. Mack. His devotions were inspiring, leading us to better understand what it means to daily say, "yes" to Jesus.
- Jeff Rayburn**— I have learned a lot this week!

Workshops and Labs...

Each morning at the Convention in Harlingen, delegates were challenged and inspired by teachers and leaders in the morning quiet hour/Bible study times, the Christian Endeavor Labs and the Christian Growth Groups.

Leading the various Quiet Hour groups, whose study was based on the theme of the week, "Say 'yes' to Jesus"! were Bishop Richard Cattermole (PA), Rev. Daer Platt (TX), Dr. Edgar Mack (TN), Dr. Nathaniel Jarrett (IL), Rev. Steven Carpenter (TX), and Carlos Calera (TX). Mr. Calera led the quiet hour for all the Spanish-speaking delegates.

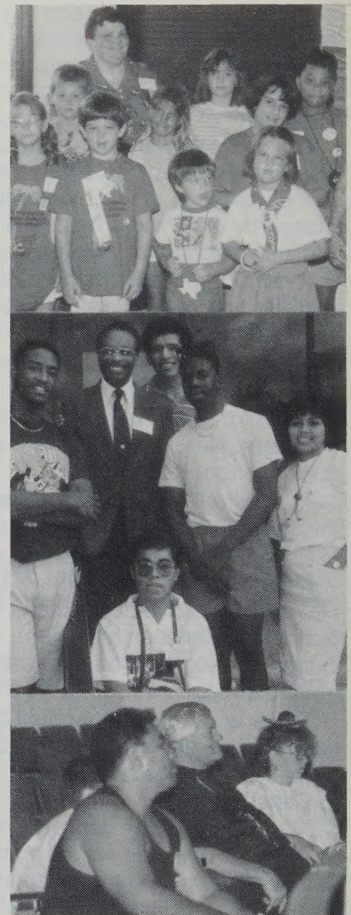
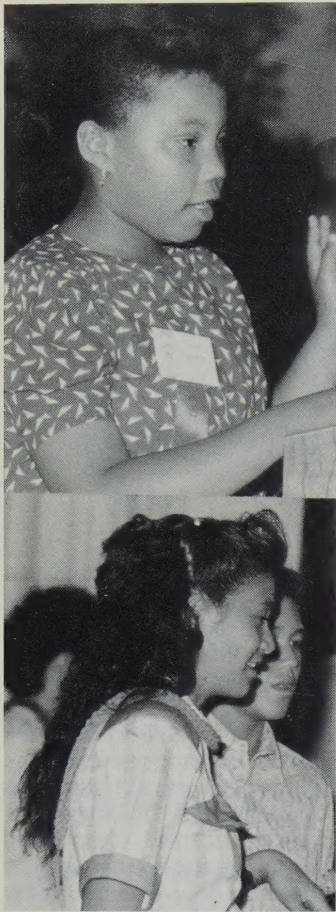
Christian Endeavor Labs were led by Rev. Clair Beatty (Orl), Dr. Jack Rothenberger (PA), Julie Simpson (OR), Barbara Dority and Pam Hillman (VA), Rev. Karen Gallagher (PA), Jon and Karen Stewart (PA).

The following were the growth groups offered and the teacher/leaders.

- "Be A Leader Young People Follow"—Mrs. Roxanne Karol (NJ)
- "Changing Your Defeats Into Victories"—Rev. Keith Miller (PA)
- "Dating Is No Game"—Jeffrey Peiffer (PA)
- "Demons, Drugs, and Drinking"—Rev. Thomas "Skip" Mawson (NJ)
- "Devil's At Your Door"—P. Raymond Bartholomew (PA)
- "Feelings—The Highs and Lows"—Thomas Martin (OH)
- "God's Will—Seeing It His Way"—Rev. Leslie Loftin (TX)
- "How To Raise Your Parents"—Ed Vidzicki (PA)
- "ICU (Intensive Caring Unit)"—Rev. Lewis Anthony (D.C.)
- "Using Your Gifts for God"—Henry Osborne (D.C.)
- "Christian Drama and Youth"—Bob and Suanne Crowley of the "Fisherpeople" (OH)
- "Sharing HIM with Them"—Rick Carney (NC)

The Christian Growth Classes were relevant to contemporary Christian life and all were well done and inspiring.

Christian Endeavor is blest to have dedicated people that can be called upon to come for a week to lend their talents and abilities in such special service to Christ at Convention. We express thanks to all who came to Texas to lead a quiet hour, lab or class.



Convention Round Up!

Music...



Since the beginning of Christian Endeavor, music has played a major role in every Christian Endeavor gathering, from the Sunday night meeting to the great World Conventions. Again, this was so at the 60th International Society Convention in Harlingen in July 1989!

Leading the singing at each General Session in the morning, singing and leading the worship at each evening meeting were Randy and Gay Hongo, music evangelists from Honolulu, Hawaii. The Hongo's are part of a ministry called, "Christian Vision" in Hawaii where they sing in churches and present concerts throughout the state. They have also traveled extensively on concert tours to the main-

land, Japan and Europe. Prior to coming to Harlingen they were on a concert tour in California. In Hawaii, Randy, Gay and their eleven year old son, Andrew, are well-known for their recordings which have won many awards.

Not only did Randy and Gay lead us in spirited and worshipful songs, but along with son Andrew, the Hongo Family sang together throughout the week, thrilling us with their own beautiful songs. This was the second ISCE Convention at which the Hongo's have shared their talents.

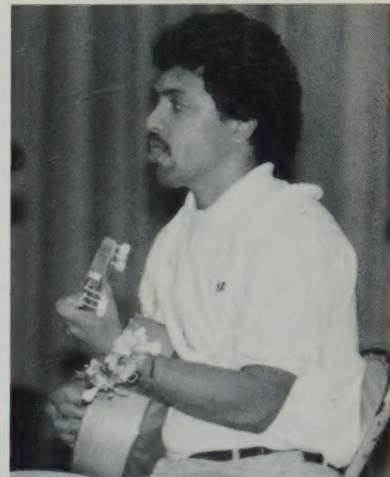
Also singing and doing a mini-concert during the week was Rick Carney from Pure Heart Ministries in North Carolina. Rick, who was well received by all, has shared often with the Southern Region of Christian Endeavor. Rick has also led music for Virginia Christian Endeavor. This was Rick's first ISCE Convention.

The first night of convention the evening session was opened with a convention choir made up of delegates and people from the church choirs in Harlingen under the direction of Brian Miller of the First Christian Church, Harlingen. Debbie Veale of Harlingen, also sang several contemporary Christian songs during this opening session.

During the week songs were taught to all by Kaleo Waia'u, a young pastor from the island of Maui, Hawaii. The Hawaiian Endeavorers also shared music in a General Assembly.

It was thrilling to hear the 80 Mexican Endeavorers singing in their native language of Spanish as they presented music in the General Assembly and the Late Night Special.

Also helping out on the organ and piano when needed was Jane Batholomew of Pennsylvania. Jane has helped with music at previous International CE Conventions.



In every convention it's always fun to have a "Talent Time" when the young people attending are invited to sing, play and share their talents. It was exciting to see and hear the youth perform.

At the General Assembly each day, Tracy Matthews had everyone singing fun and non-sense songs!

Capping off this week of musical excellence was a contemporary Christian music concert by guest artist, Billy Crockett. Billy brought the young people clapping to their feet with his enthusiastic singing and guitar playing. This young man whose recordings and published songs have become well-known to young people, loves the Lord and shared this love with the young people through his music.

Music is important to the life and spirit of any convention. At this 1989 ISCE Convention there was a high standard of excellence by all who shared in the ministry of music. All those attending sang and made melody not only in their hearts but to all within hearing distance!

Convention Roundup!

Important Thoughts



MONDAY EVENING—Bill Glass, Evangelist, former pro football player and member of the football Hall of Fame, from Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Glass shared the importance of the relationship between parents and children. In his dynamic keynote message, Glass emphasized how it is important for children to have the blessing of their parents. He stated that in his work in prisons, he has found that most of the inmates never had a good experience with their father; in fact most tolerated their mothers but hated their fathers. Parents should be aware that children need to love their blessing. Christian Endeavor can take a lesson from the Old Testament teachings about family and bring this into New Testament Christianity.

Christians should be using hugs and love and love should be unconditional between parents and children. The Prodigal Son found unconditional forgiveness. Also, if our Heavenly Father can so forgive, then earthly parents should do the same.

Mr. Glass stressed that parents should be a blessing to their children. They should give a blessing and the blessing must be given forever—given

with a touch, with a word, given unconditionally forever!

He challenged young people that if parents won't give a blessing, find someone who will. Every church ought to be a place where people can go and be blest.

Christian Endeavor ought to be a place where young people know they can go and be blest. Above all, God's blessing is the blessing we need the most—the ultimate goal!

Interview With Bill Glass . . .

Christian Endeavor World: *Do you have any tips for Christian parents in raising their children in today's society?*

Glass: My whole message that I gave tonight to the delegates...that parents must give a blessing to their children...with a touch, with a word, unconditionally forever!

CE World: *Do you have any comment as to whether the messages contained in rock music are detrimental to young people, if so, what can be done about it?*

Glass: I don't have any strong feelings about rock music. As society changes, so does the music. Now the Satanic groups, that's a different story. Christians should not have anything to do at all with this type of music. Parents though should be liberal in their thinking with the music of the young.

CE World: *Do you view TV as a positive or negative force in the growth of children and teens today?*

Glass: Mostly negative as TV is run by the secular world which is mostly pagan. Of course, there are some TV programs that are worth watching. We just have to be careful in choosing what we and what our children watch.

CE World: *In our contemporary society, it seems that many families never even sit down to a meal together. In view of this, how can there be good communication in the family?*

Glass: First of all, turn off the TV and set a time to be together. Have a rap session. Take time to talk about important matters, probe the young people, find out what they are thinking about—talk with each other...talk with substance, not just about trivial matters. This is what we've tried to do in our family. It's important that families have good communication times together.

TUESDAY EVENING—Dr. Ralph D. Winter, Director of the U.S. Center for World Mission in California.

Dr. Winter began his message by telling that not only has he been a long-time member of Christian Endeavor, but that his parents were CE sponsors and had met each other in Christian Endeavor.

Dr. Winter thrilled the audience as he told of his belief in the potential for the future of Christian Endeavor. In the United States the small church is in the vast majority and Christian Endeavor WORKS in the small church! Christian Endeavor deals with youth in the context of the church family.

No Christian movement in history has had the ecumenical success that Christian Endeavor has had. We need now to be putting muscle, money and commitment back into Christian Endeavor. Nothing unites like Christian Endeavor as it flows into all the cracks and corners of the world.

Speaking on the theme of, "Say 'yes' to Jesus"! Dr. Winter asked the question, "How reasonable is it to say 'yes' to Jesus Christ when you don't know what you're getting into"? In response to this Dr. Winter stated that we need to be saying "yes" over and over again to Jesus Christ. Saying "yes" thirteen years ago isn't good enough! Everytime we say the Christian Endeavor pledge we are saying "YES" because of the "whatever" that is contained in the pledge.

When we say "YES" to Christ it should be for "whenever, whatever and wherever"! It is not optional to have Jesus just as a Saviour, but He must also be LORD in our lives. We must give up "self-centeredness". Saying "yes" to Jesus to save yourself is not good enough. In saying "yes" we've got something worth dying for!

On the growth of Christianity, Dr. Winter told the audience that it is not published in our newspapers, but there are places in the world where Christianity is growing out of control. In the Soviet Union great things have happened in the last two years for Christians. There are now one hundred million known Christians in the Soviet Union and American Christians DO NOT know these facts!

In Guatamala, Christianity is growing quickly. In Cuba, Christianity is growing larger and stronger. In China there are more Christians than what we know and the women are the backbone of the Church in China. Americans are blind, deaf and dumb as to what God is doing around the world!

from Our Guest Speakers

As he closed, Dr. Winter challenged the delegates as he asked, "Are you prepared to say 'yes' to this Jesus who is involved in a powerful, worldwide movement?"

Interview With Dr. Ralph Winter...

CE World: *In what way can Christian Endeavor do a more effective job of growing in North America?*

Dr. Winter: Christian Endeavor has just as much to offer to the small church today as it ever had to offer to the small church but because the impressive bigger churches, the more famous pastors are no longer in smaller churches, because of urbanization, which is no one's fault; and the trend to respect the bigger churches; we overlook the fact that there are more small churches now than there ever were and new ones are being born everyday. In an area like Los Angeles there have been a couple of thousand new churches begun in the last 15 or 20 years. Although they may not wear their hair the same as the old-fashioned Christian Endeavorers did, they have all the same problems to solve that Christian Endeavor can solve. I think we ought to be able to shift gears and go after the small churches of the world as if there were no big churches.

CE World: *How can we make the denominations take notice of us again?*

Dr. Winter: Well, it's true that we're not going to bowl over the denominations in the same way that it once was possible, where the very top leaders think that Christian Endeavor is the most important thing because as I say, their mind-set is toward bigger churches. Somehow these bigger churches lack internal accountability and lack many of the vital signs of the church, nevertheless, they have become rather a discouraging, inadequate pattern, but there's nothing we can do about that. Every major denomination is also acutely aware of their need to serve the smaller churches. If we simply address that particular need I think we would get a hearing. I'm a Presbyterian and my denomination has a new evangelism unit which has some very fine evangelicals leading it. I think they would be excited to have a proposal from Columbus that would reach out, systematically, to their small churches which would number about 7,000.

CE World: *Recently Christian Endeavor has been mentioned in publications as*

something from the past. What can we do to change this image?

Dr. Winter: Well, it's true that as you read history it's astonishing the almost fad-like proportions Christian Endeavor gained at several points. The wars, of course, drastically impacted development and now more recently urbanization has as well. But, frankly, its qualities never depended upon that fadishness. It didn't start out as a major fad obviously. It had to work its way in the earlier years on its own merits and I think it can still do that. It may never gain the same novelty proportions that it once did, but it can still be the world's largest youth movement for a long time to come, perhaps until the end of time. Another thing, it can very definitely serve more than one age group. Essentially it got in the door as a youth movement but once inside the church it showed that lay people, at all levels, can very helpfully minister without all the theological paraphernalia. In that sense it is similar to the Pietous Movement which also incidentally died out, but was revived in one way or another again and again down through history. It's this lay initiative for which Christian Endeavor stands that will never get the credit of the ecumenical official people in the way it should because it doesn't seem to need all the official trappings and so forth, but certainly part and parcel of the nature of the Christian movement as a whole.

CE World: *Is there any element of the Christian Endeavor movement that youth workers should utilize more effectively in reaching young people for Christ?*

Dr. Winter: I know for a fact that there are about 40,000 young people in the United States who are in college or beyond college who are vitally interested in global missions as never before. This is a tremendous wave. Now Christian Endeavor could actually invade that world stressing its time honored missionary committee structure and its monthly interest in that theme and capture those people using some of the same instruments of communication that are used by the mission movement itself. I think for example of the World Christian. I think if our own magazine that goes to 70,000 people. I think of Operation Mobilization. I think of Youth With A Mission—each of them have 30 to 40 thousand alumni, younger people who come back from abroad, who might just be able to take hold of Christian Endeavor as a mission, at home and

abroad that they had never thought of before.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—Carlos Calero, Spanish-speaking evangelist from Texas.

Carlos Calero told the delegates that the first time he heard about Christian Endeavor was through Sam Guerrero, (Sam is a vice president of the International Society who lives in Matamoras, Mexico), who he calls a CE fanatic...but a good brother in the Lord.

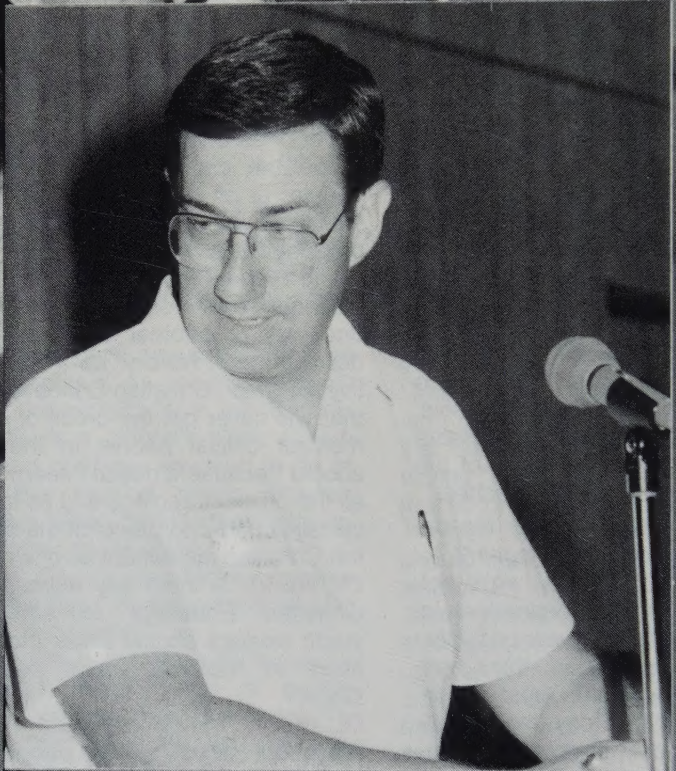
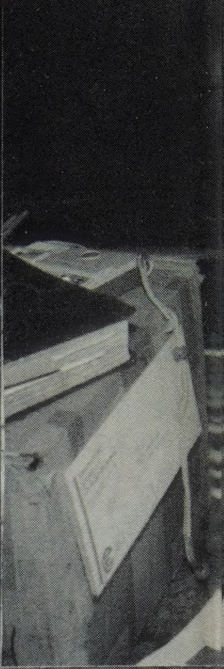
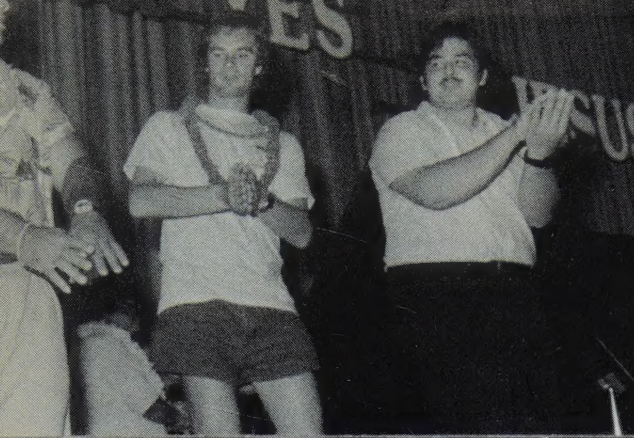
In his message to the delegates, Mr. Calero shared the following: "You can't do anything without Christ and the Church, they work together. We must edify the local church." (See Acts 26:19)

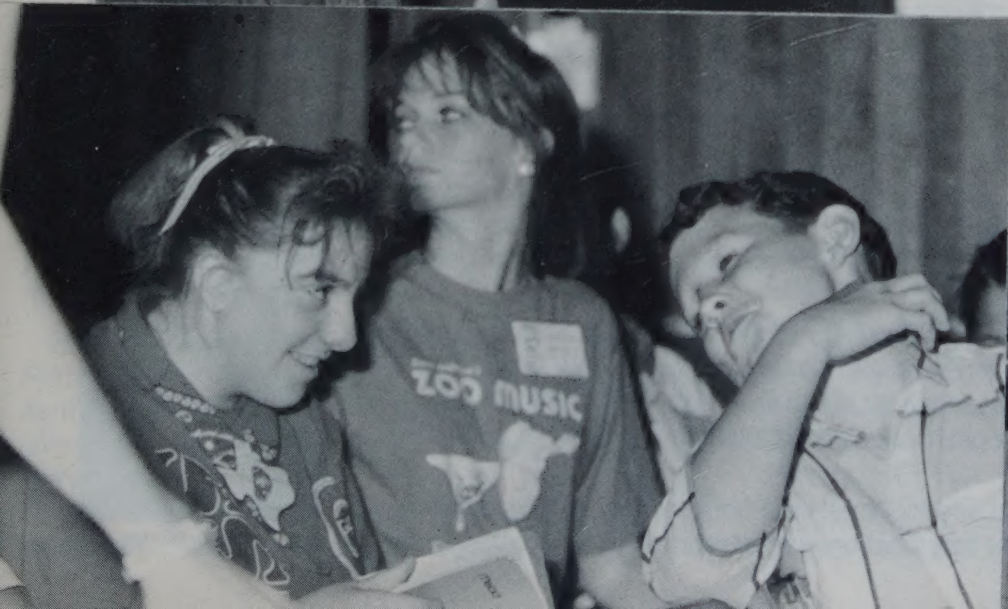
It is through meetings like this that the work of God is going forward.

Why are so many churches not wit-

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION



Orville D. and Ruth A. Merrillat

In an unprecedented move, the International Society of Christian Endeavor choose to give the "Youth's Distinguished Service Citation" twice during the week of Convention, July 3 to 7, 1989.

Through the years this Citation has been awarded to Christian individuals who have done meritorious service for young people. This 1989 award was given to Orville D. and Ruth Merrillat and Dr. Ralph D. Winter.

Orville Merrillat and his wife, Ruth have been and are a wonderful Christian team in industry as well as the Lord's work for over forty years. They have brought their cabinet making business to the place where it ranks first in its product line in America. At the same time they have served loyally in their local church, the Trenton Hills United Brethren in Christ Church, Adrian, Michigan, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and serving on the local board of administration.

A favorite statement of Orville's is, "If we're going to do it, let's do it right". That principle has marked their business life as well as their service for others.

In recent years Orville and Ruth became concerned about the problems youth face today and they proceeded to do something about it. They established the Christian Family Foundation, which has provided Adrian with one of the best Christian Family Centers in this part of the country. They have also supported Camp Michindoh, Hillsdale, Michigan, which is ranked at the top by camping experts, and Lenawee Christian School, which is said to be one of the finest in the United States by professional educators.

Beyond this, Orville and Ruth have had a major part in the support and encouragement toward excellence for Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, and the Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, which provides advanced training for ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers, as well as helping other Christian colleges.

There are only a few of the many accomplishments of these talented and dedicated Christian people who are an inspiration to all who have known them.

This prestigious Citation was also awarded to Dr. Ralph D. Winter, who was an evening speaker and class teacher at the convention.

Committing himself to Christ through the ministry of Christian Endeavor, Ralph Winter has become the foremost expert in the field of world missions today.

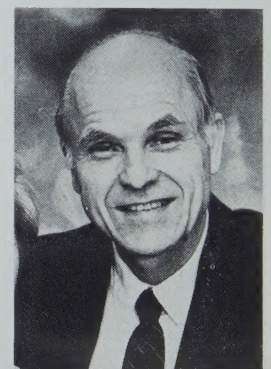
After graduating from Cal Tech with a B.S. in engineering, he entered the Navy, and then after that earned an M.A. degree in Teaching English as a Second Language at Columbia University, a Ph.D. at Cornell in Structural Linguistics, and his B.D. at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Between 1956 and 1966 he served as a missionary under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to the Mayan Indians in Guatemala where he organized a nationwide adult education program, helped start a university, and helped to found the theological-education-by-extension movement which now has spread around the world.

In 1967 he joined the staff at the Fuller School for World Mission where he served as a professor of the Historical Development of the Christian Movement and helped to found the American Society of Missiology—the first scholarly society in the United States devoted to the study of Missions.

In 1976 he took a leave of absence from Fuller to found the United States Center for World Mission where personnel from over 42 mission agencies now are at work. Its purpose is to help existing agencies focus strategy and mobilization efforts on the needs of the "Hidden People"—those populations within which there is not yet an indigenous church.

It is because of this commitment to Jesus Christ and his compassion for individuals which encompasses the globe that this Citation was presented to Dr. Winter.



Ralph D. Winter

International Officers and Leaders for 1989-91

Re-elected for a second term as president was Bishop Clarence A. Kopp, Jr. Clarence Kopp serves as Bishop of the West District in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He was first elected to this position in 1981 and was re-elected in 1985 and 1989. Prior to this position in the church he served as a pastor for 33½ years. He and his wife, Virginia, who is a public school teacher, live in Huntingdon, Indiana. They have four children, Debra, Denise, Dan and Dale.

As a youth, Bishop Kopp was the first winner in the International Society of Christian Endeavor Youth Witness Awards program. (It was known then as the Citizenship Awards).

Elected as Associate President (a young person under twenty-five) was Eric Larse, a past president of the Washington State Christian Endeavor. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and is a member of the Rose Hill Presbyterian Church in Kirkland, Washington. Eric plans to attend graduate school in the fall of 1989.

Tracy Matthews of Washington D.C. was re-elected to serve a second term as Vice President. He is a graduate of Central State University and a member of Capital View Baptist Church. He is a Logistics Management Specialist for the government. Tracy's favorite past-time is traveling and being a good-will ambassador for Christian Endeavor.

Samuel M. Guerrero-Toy, a past president of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union is also serving a second term as a Vice President for the next two years. He is a member of the Principe de Paz Presbyterian Church in Matamoros, Mexico. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the World's Union of Christian Endeavor.

Dr. Nathaniel Jarrett, pastor of the Martin Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in Chicago, Illinois was elected to serve also as a Vice President. He is married and has three children. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and the Yale Divinity School M. Div.

The Executive Committee of the International Society is composed of fifteen members, which includes the president, associate president, immediate past president, the vice presidents and eight additional people. The Executive Committee is responsible for making policy decisions.

Elected to serve on this Committee are: Dr. Jack R. Rothenberger (Pennsylvania, Immediate Past President), Barbara J. Dority (Virginia), Oreon E. Fields (West Virginia, Chairman of the Finance Committee), Terry Gilmour (Ontario), Thomas Martin (Ohio), Thomas Mawson (New Jersey), Ernest D. Overkamp (Michigan), Alfred L. Saunders (Washington D.C.), R.

Rigdon Scruggs (North Carolina), and Jonathan Stewart (Pennsylvania).

Serving as Advisory Members are Past Presidents of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. They are: Lavern R. Billig (Florida), Dr. LaVerne H. Boss (Michigan), Elwood Dunn (Michigan), Timothy J. Kribs (Texas) and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows (Ohio).



Also elected to serve as Trustees of the International Society were leaders from Christian Endeavor and denominational youth organizations from many states and provinces.

There are five people, who because of their service to Christian Endeavor, have been recognized for their conspicuous service to Christian Endeavor and are Life Trustees. These five special people are: Rev. Clair E. Beatty (Ohio), Dr. B. MacClain Cochran (Pennsylvania), Mrs. Alice Fuqua (Texas), Mrs. Dorothy Haeusler (New York), and Rev. Cecil A. Jeffrey (California).

The Educational Committee of the International Society is composed of ten people who are well-versed in education. These people meet and plan out the topics used for group meetings, plan the themes used by the International Society and secure writers for the Youth Meeting packets. Serving on this Committee are: Timothy J. Kribs (Texas, Chairman), Rev. Lew Anthony (Washington D.C.), Mary I. Beatty (Ohio), Rev. Karen Gallagher (Pennsylvania), Rev. Mark Heijerman (Michigan), Harold R. Holstein (California), Mrs. Deborah Jacobsen (Washington), Dr. Edgar L. Mack (Tennessee), Rev. Keith R. Miller (Pennsylvania), and Dr. Kent D. Maxwell (Indiana).

It takes many people serving in many capacities across the country to keep the wheels of Christian Endeavor moving. The glue that keeps everything working and moving is our General Secretary, Rev. David Jackson. David works in and through the headquarters office in Columbus, Ohio. He is ably assisted at headquarters by a staff of dedicated workers.

To find out how you can help or fit in with Christian Endeavor, call your local Christian Endeavor leaders or write to: The International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

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Convention Roundup!

Interview with Tracy Matthews . . .

Tracy Matthews, Vice President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor from Washing D.C.

CE World: *Tracy, what is the greatest challenge that you think is facing Christian Endeavor today?*

Tracy: Keeping young people! Once young people come to Christ we need to keep them interested. CE needs to search out ideas and ways to keep kids because we have too much to compete against. There are so many things out in the world that would draw kids attention away from Christ and Christian Endeavor and it's activities. CE must look into ways to keep them tuned in and turned on to Jesus Christ and His Church. And so, the challenge for CE now and in the years ahead is the challenge of what are we going to do for kids once we get them into Christian Endeavor.

CE World: *What is your own goal as a vice president of The International Society for the next two years?*

Tracy: My own goal is to go out and find churches that have nothing in the way of youth programs and introduce them to Christian Endeavor so that they can have a program that will cause young people to be tuned in to Jesus Christ. I want to find ways of challenging young people with the message of Jesus Christ.

CE World: *Do you feel that there is still the potential for growth for Christian Endeavor in North America?*

Tracy: There is still room for growth because many churches don't have youth programs at all. Some churches only have Sunday School. Christian Endeavor needs to get into these churches and challenge youth to come to Christ.

CE World: *Do you have a challenge for us?*

Tracy: Yes, I have a challenge for all the young people. They need to spend more time in looking at the idea of doing things for Jesus Christ. He has given us the privilege of becoming His best friend and the privilege of doing things with Him. I challenge everyone to wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, God...and let's go!" Spending the whole day with Him is a privilege. Doing things for Him and with Him is an even greater privilege. And so, I challenge you to get into the Word of God and see what is in there and see how your life could be changed.



Testimony From Heliodoro Arroyo-Martinez

The following is an excerpt from just one of the many Christian testimonies given during the convention week. On Wednesday evening Heliodoro Arroyo-Martinez, Counselor of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union shared the following thoughts.

"Christian Endeavor is a blessing and I am pleased to be in this grand reunion and to present my testimony as to what Christian Endeavor has done in my life.

I have received three great blessings.

First was 26 years ago in June in the state of Durango, Mexico and it was during a meeting of Christian Endeavor. I went to the service and I heard the message of the gospel that night and I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart.

The second blessing that Christian Endeavor has given to my life was also during a meeting of Christian Endeavor. I met the lady who became my wife. We now have three children who are also Endeavorers. My daughter

married a man from Christian Endeavor and I hope my other daughters will marry one of you!

The third blessing has been being here at this convention. The theme, "Say 'yes' to Jesus" is great and I would say "yes" also to Christian Endeavor because Jesus is in Christian Endeavor."

One Mexican pastor, also attending the convention called us to be one in Christ...to be brothers together in harmony during the convention and in the days to come.

Convention Round Up!

Interview With Youth Leaders...

During the days of the Convention in Harlingen, Christian Endeavor World took the opportunity to talk with Christian Endeavor leaders about their work with young people.

CE World: *What is the greatest challenge you face in working with today's young people?*

Jonathan Stewart, Pennsylvania: The challenge we face is that some of the young people do not have the support or encouragement of their parents. The kids are free to do whatever they want to do so sometimes as a result, their priorities get mixed up. They also face peer pressure from the kids at school. The young people are not disciplined enough to understand what they really need and should have for their lives. The problem is with all this we get them for perhaps only an hour or a little more a week at the church. The Lord is blessing our work with these young people.

Mike Palmer, Ohio: I keep trying to get a feel as to where the kids are coming from—their needs in school, the peer pressure they face and the family problems. (There are a lot of broken homes). Along with the peer pressure there is the drug problem and all the temptations that kids are faced with in these days. I try to bring Christ to them so that they will have the strength to overcome all things.

Charles Popjoy, Pennsylvania: The biggest challenge is in getting a sense of commitment from the youth. Today's kids, from everything they learn in the world, think that everything is "instant" and "quick". I find that getting them to spend some time with something seems to be the real problem. One of the things we really emphasize and work on in our CE group is commitment. We have some kids that really try, and take things seriously and I'm really pleased with them but there are other kids that really have difficult problems.

Rick Carney, Pure Heart Ministries, North Carolina: The greatest challenge we have found with young people today is the problem of self-esteem. They are so worried about themselves, classifying and measuring themselves to other kids, to their parents and to what the world expects of them, and to what they see and hear in the media. There's just such a pressure on them. Their self-esteem is really down and they are very insecure therefore this affects their relationship with everyone else, including God.

Rev. Karen Gallagher, Pennsylvania: The greatest challenge I experience is helping young people to keep focused in on Jesus Christ and not everything else that involves them in their world today. Being a teenager today is very difficult because they have so many different things they can do. Helping young people to realize that being with Jesus is the most important thing, that is the greatest challenge.

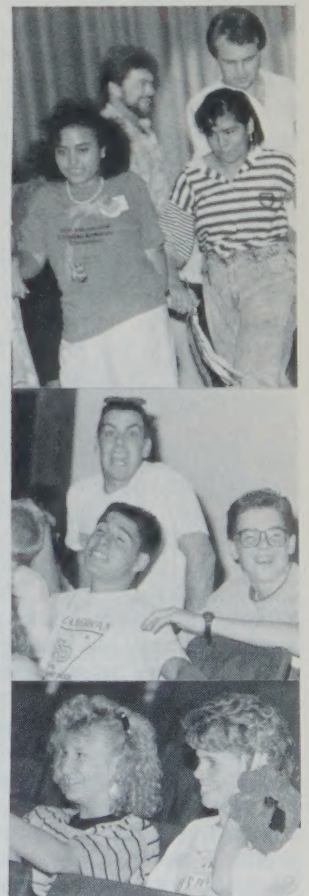
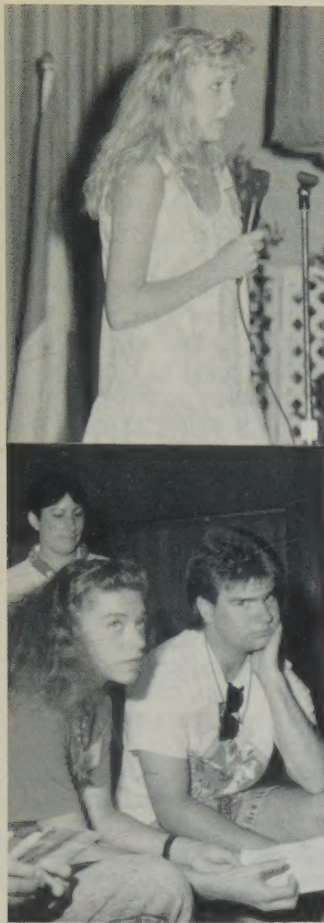
Kaleo Waia'u, Hawaii: I think probably the biggest challenge has to do with getting youth to focus and center in on things. There are so many challenges that the youth face and it's hard to narrow it down to just one of these things. There are so many different levels of intensity of the things that bombard them. The result of all these things tends to immobilize and paralyze the kids; plus their ability to see things clearly is hindered and as a result they are not able to attach themselves to anything. They kind of float from one thing to the next. My biggest challenge is to get them to settle down, to focus on one particular thing and from there to dig deep to see if it yields anything, whether it be in matters of relationship or whatever. As Christians, we need to be giving young people some kind of moorings.

CE World: *How does Christian Endeavor help you meet the challenge of working with young people today?*

Eric Larse, Associate President, ISCE: It's the learn by doing approach of Christian Endeavor that is important. I have had experiences with college students who, when asked to lead a Bible Study, found they were unable to do so because they had no experience. Coming from a Christian Endeavor church this was commonplace for me. I had been doing this since I was in junior high, when I first became a Christian. Serving other college students came easy. As far as serving young people, Christian Endeavor has kept me in touch with youth. I am not that old and I can still relate to high school concerns. By being involved in Christian Endeavor, I have been able to stay in tune with the problems that young people face as they grow. I count myself fortunate to have been allowed to participate in a leadership role in Christian Endeavor. Probably in other organizations they wouldn't have trusted someone as young in a lot of the positions that I have held. It's the learn by doing approach that entrusts youth with responsibility that allows them to meet their own needs and help themselves.

Rev. Timothy Kribs, First Christian Church, Harlingen, Just as in the days when Francis E. Clark was a pastor, one of the greatest challenges to any pastor is to involve the young people in the life of the church. The leaders of our church are very concerned about bringing young people into the leadership. Christian Endeavor is famous for its leadership training and that's one of the values that it has as it ties young people close to the church. By bringing youth into the leadership of the church they can see the overall picture of the church, where it is going, its mission, its evangelism and how the finances of the church are operated. By serving in the various positions in the CE group, as officers and committee chairmen, they learn how to step into these leadership positions in the church.

Pam Hillman, President, Virginia Christian Endeavor: Since I grew up in Christian Endeavor I learned how to do and then how to be a leader. Christian Endeavor helped me to be able to train others to lead a meeting and to serve the Lord in various ways.



Important thoughts From Our Guest Speakers

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nessing about Jesus? Are people 'scared'? Indifferent? Ignorant? Many times in our own churches we fail to witness because we don't have anyone to witness about because we don't know Jesus as Lord! Many have not surrendered to Jesus.

Mr. Calero continued as he said, "I challenge you to say 'yes' to Jesus! The beginning of the vision is when you accept Jesus as Saviour. People need Jesus. We must share him and win people to Jesus who will then build up and edify the church for Jesus. Let's talk about Jesus—not theology, eschatology or sociology. Jesus has the power we need. He is the ONLY ONE and that's the message. The Lord wants to use each person where they live and God wants to see each one here. Saying 'yes' to Jesus is saying 'yes' to life—the best of the best!"

Interview With Carlos Calero...

CE World: *What is the most challenging part of your ministry?*

Carlos: There is a great desire in my heart and it's a challenge to win thousands of souls for Christ.

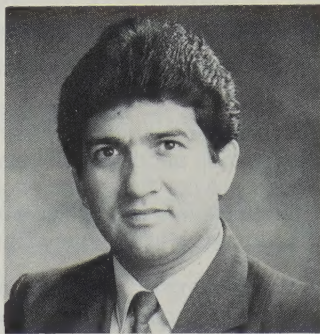
CE World: *What do you think are some of the greatest problems facing young people today?*

Carlos: It's difficult to talk about young people without talking about their background and how they grew up. Basically, young people come into contact with several different things that they think will bring them happiness, yet they still feel alone. These young people that I'm talking about start on drugs and things such as that and they start listening to rock music. There are some who feel so alone that they commit suicide. These young people have not experienced the love of God in their lives. The family nucleus in each of their homes has been destroyed. I'm not saying that there is not religion in the home. A lot of times there is a lot of religion, but the Spirit of Jesus is what is needed there.

CE World: *When you accepted Christ was the need for drugs immediately removed from your life?*

Carlos: No! Not immediately! It was a battle for this reason. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour in San Juan, Texas, about 50 miles from my home. When I got back home the problems were still there. My friends were hard to get away from as was the atmosphere. Once I left that atmosphere and I began to have Christian fellowship that helped me tremendously. The devil attacked me a lot of times with the idea of drugs in my dreams. But one day I had victory finally when I had a dream and in that dream I said "NO" to drugs. I was a Christian but I smoked marijuana. I had

read my Bible but I knew I was doing wrong. When the Holy Spirit told me that what I was doing wasn't right, slowly these things were taken from me.



THURSDAY EVENING—Billy Crockett, Contemporary Christian Musician, Recording Artist, Concert Performer, Guitar Player, Song Writer and Singer.

Not only were the songs and music of Billy Crockett thrilling and exciting, but he also said some "good stuff" to the young people gathered in Harlingen at the Convention.

Billy said, "Be open to surprises... Try to be part of a Christian family at home and in a church. It is our fellowship together that unites us into a Christian family. At the bottom of life is God's love—remember that Sunday comes after Friday. Resurrection comes after death. We confuse the stuff we have with who we are! 'Christ in you the hope of glory' is so important! We don't all have to fit into the same mold as Christians, but we need to share together because we need each other. Our God is great and therefore we need to be sharing this with one another. Each person is valuable and we learn this as we share God's love together."

Billy ended by singing, "Born in love, every daughter and son, Born a child of the Holiest One".

How important this is to realize...this was Billy Crockett's message!

Interview With Billy Crockett...

CE World: *Do you view your performance as ministry of entertainment?*

Billy: That's a great question! People like me have to answer that every week. I meet young people who are covered in voices—different kinds of voices, really loud voices that are not healthy and still small voices that are very healthy calling them to be themselves and to be true to Him above all the dangerous stuff they are asked to be a part of!

Some people say, put on a big show and then talk to them seriously. I really don't think that's the best approach for me. In a concert I want to have as much fun as I can have and crank as much music as I can—but it all needs to be in sync with my calling of who God really is and what God hopes for my life and

ministry. The ideal is where the kids and I can go together to some fun places through my music and know that's a side of what God is like—that He means for us to have a whole lot of fun in our lives. If the kids can go home knowing that Christians can have an incredible time, that's great! I like to share a few things that really matter...and talk about feelings and compare notes with the kids. If you're really going to be open in your heart then you're going to feel things. You're going to feel what it's like to be alive. You're going to hurt sometimes and be confused sometimes and not know what's around the corner. If we can talk about things like that and then ask God to come and help us see our way through, this is what I see for my ministry. A person should come out, play and sing, and be true to themselves and to what God is hoping for every moment of the concert. Each concert is different, cause we're not the same as last night. Like God said "I am trying to do a new thing, old things have passed away." New things are being born every night. That's very exciting. It's not easy, but I find it genuinely exciting with the people when those kind of moments happen. It is continually letting go of some of the control, so you don't come out with a show anymore. You come out with yourself.

CE World: *In your own Christian life, what are some of the greatest challenges that you face?*

Billy: Right now one of the biggest challenges is to stay connected with a small support family. I have people with whom I have had a deep relationship through the years and I really draw on them heavily. I have been traveling so much this last year that I'm anxious to settle into a community and a church and really take some time off and do some of those routines that I have missed for a long time. It's a challenge to know that my faith isn't just on stage. It needs to be moved out and tested in a very small arena with two or three people as well as it needs to be talked about in really loud ways in front of microphones. I am seeing the importance of community in my life. I'm a loner and could be a recluse. I'm a guy who just as soon go home and read a book and close the door and get away from it all. But now I know how much better I am when I hear from God and invest myself in close relationships.

CE World: *Do you think contemporary Christian music is starting to really make an impact on the world?*

Billy: Oh, yes! I think that God has used music in the last decade to really do some of those new things and that there are kids and adults in every country, I'm beginning to find out who are catching a new breeze with a brand new music. My parents live in England and I've been to see them a few times and they are seeing

what I have seen in other parts of the world, how all the goodness of their history can smother the chances for new surprises, especially in faith. We need to see that God has been a part of mankind through generations and generations but we also need to catch a new wind from time to time. Music is helping to change things in the world of faith. Some of the new music has carried the truth of the gospel in good ways. Although there has been some new music that is not very responsible. Guys like me need to listen to preachers and theologians who are serious about studying the Bible, who know what God is like, so we don't say things that aren't true in our music. We need to be careful that we help the kids into a relationship with Christ rather than a relationship with the music. We need to help them plant roots in church families and get them into the church, rather than just putting on a tape when they get home from school and feeling like that is their church life. The music can only be a pointer to a good thing.

FRIDAY EVENING—Bob and Suanne Crowley, Directors of the Christian Drama Group—"FISHERPEOPLE" from Akron, Ohio.

Bob and Suanne Crowley not only shared daily in a drama workshop with the young people, but presented the Friday evening program at the Convention. During the week the Crowley's used their drama expertise to work with and coach the young people who then performed in the skits on Friday evening. All the skits presented were original with the Crowley's. Even though some of the skits were very funny and some very serious, they were all based on Scripture and encouraged young people to "Say 'yes' to Jesus"!

Through this program of drama, Bob and Suanne shared just how important this tool can be in the winning of people to Jesus Christ. They shared how excellent drama is for getting the message of Christ across because it goes to the heart. Drama helps also in worship to bring people to where the pastor wants them to be.

Bob and Suanne, who along with their group get to attend many Christian gatherings and conferences, also shared how impressed they have been with what they have seen of Christian Endeavor over the last five years.

Interview With Randy and Gay Hongo..

Randy and Gay Hongo, Music Evangelists from Honolulu.

Randy: Aloha!

CE World: Do you think that Christian musicians should be supported financially in the same way that Christian missionaries are supported?

Randy: Amen to that!

Gay: I would say yes, very much so because in our own lives we are supported

by churches and individuals who believe in our ministry. If we weren't supported by them we wouldn't be able to do as much as we do. We gave up our full-time jobs. I used to be a public school teacher and Randy was a music minister at a church. Our church felt that they wanted to send us out to minister for them to the Christian church at large and so they do support us monthly. Randy still does other jobs. He plays piano at a hotel four nights weekly when we are in Hawaii. When we are on the road we depend on support and love offerings to help with our support. The work we do is very much like missionaries. We go wherever God calls us; and sometimes we are on the road as long as three months at a time. Yes, I think it is really wonderful if there are churches who are willing to support music ministers the way they do ministers and missionaries.

Randy: I would like to add to that the truth is that the message must be taken out, whether it be through the spoken word or the sung word or through another medium such as the gift of helps. Most people unfortunately think of mission as the spoken word. Little by little however people are realizing that music is just not a frivolous addendum to preaching or the spoken word but is AS important as the spoken word. Many references in the Bible speak of singing and praising God. We know that music is in heaven and will be the most powerful medium and activity that will be taking place. Unfortunately, here on earth it takes second place in many Christian minds to preaching and the spoken word. Of course, not to denigrate the spoken word, but music definitely is as powerful and so I think it deserves a rightful place right up there with missionaries who teach and build churches. In Hawaii, slowly the view point is changing. Gay and I are the first music missionaries based in Honolulu. I do hear experiences of people on the mainland who are missionaries like us, they travel and raise support for themselves. I believe the mindset of the people across the land is slowly changing.

CE World: How do you go about raising finances to support your work?

Gay: In our case it's a matter of letting the need be known. We meet with people individually, we meet with church mission groups and we have a newsletter. We are an already established mission so if there's a need for support or for an emergency project we can send it out through the newsletter. I do know of some missionaries who are totally going on faith, they don't make the need known. They just pray about it. In our case we let the need be known through our meeting or informing them.

CE World: It has been said that a song can go anywhere. Have you seen evidence of this in your travels?

Randy: Music is the international medium. We've been to countries in the East—Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea and we've sung even though people

could not understand the English languages and yet their hearts have been opened to the feelings that come across in a song. We have also sung in Europe—in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In those countries, similarly the essence of the song has been captured. We find that it is best to translate the theme or content of a song before presenting it. Sometimes we will go so far as to sing a verse of the song in the language of that country. This really comes across well because the people feel, "They think enough of us to at least try to learn our language." In particular, the song, "How Great Thou Art" has been a door opener in every country that we've gone to. We have learned a verse in the language of that country and it has been a real blessing. The people are touched by the pleasing tones of our music. It's very powerful.

CE World: What about music in evangelism?

Gay: We found that music has been a real door opener for a lot of non-Christians who will not come to a church service. They will not come to hear preaching, but they are very open to come to hear a music concert. Particularly in our case because we do songs in our culture of Hawaiian. In California, where we just came from, there was a large Japanese population that spoke Japanese. In our concerts we incorporated Japanese testimony and song and drew a lot of non-Christian husbands to come to church where the Christian wives were in attendance. Also people came who liked Hawaiian music. It was a wonderful outreach to non-Christians. As Randy mentioned, when we were in Europe once we went to a refugee camp in Austria. The director of the camp, who was Catholic, came while we were singing. (We were to do 30 minutes and the pastor was to preach for 30 minutes). The camp director said, the preacher may not preach, but the singers may continue to sing. So therefore, we were allowed to do a whole hour and we made sure that we presented a Gospel message within our music package.

Randy: You see how in some places the spoken word will not be received but the sung word will. It's a different level of communication—right to the heart! In Hawaii, we present public concerts at hotels and it is an entertainment that climaxes with a spoken testimony. We'll do sixty minutes worth of pop, Hawaiian, songs from Broadway, hula and then the audience will be with us, musically they are in the palms of our hands. We share right from the heart about how real God is to us and how Christ has changed our lives. It doesn't need to be a long 30 or 40 minute thing, just one grain of truth that these people may have never been exposed to and we present it, sincerely, directly, succinctly and seal it with a beautiful Christian song and that really touches the hearts. I believe that we have planted many seeds for the Lord in this kind of musical program in Hawaii.

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